

MORE ON COLUMBIANS

In the May Bulletin, an inquiry asto the validity of the ACB/LD Perfin pattern on a 50-cent Columbian was published in behalf of J. R. Craddock (#1430). A response was received from Larry Weiss (#1310), to whom the editor apologizes for the tardiness in publishing it.

Weiss points out that the question raised by Craddock was discussed in detail in the May 1973 Bulletin, and that the very item about which Craddock inquires was pictured in that article. The ACB/LD pattern was used by the Anglo-California Bank Limited of San Francisco, and is listed in the U. S. Illustrated Catalog as A-60.

Weiss notes that stamps in his collection bearing this Perfin pattern indicate its usage from 1908 through at least 1915. He points out that the design therefore was used in an era when Columbian stamps could have been obtained as scrap, remainders or, more likely, discount postage, and could have been legitimately used as postage.

The 1973 article to which Weiss refers, reported only three Perfins in Columbian stamps owned by members of the Club. These were the 8-cent and 10-cent with pattern C-47 (CBR/&Co), and the 50-cent with the A-60 pattern mentioned above. Your editor reported in the November-December 1974 Bulletin that a dealer friend had informed him of a \$5.00 Columbian bearing a "JH" Perfin pattern. However, the editor has never seen this stamp to confirm the report.

Can anyone shed further light on Perfins in the Columbian stamps?

